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1. IMPROVEMENT IN SECURITY MEASURES AND SCREENING OF
PASSENGERS AND CARRY-ON BAGGAGE AT LIBREVILLE LEON MBA
AIRPORT IS ENCOURAGING. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO
CONTINUE THIS TREND.

2. FAA CONDUCTS AN EIGHT-DAY CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY
COURSE AT ITS TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INSTITUTE, OKLAHOMA
CITY. THIS COURSE, WHICH IS THE ONLY FORMAL TRAINING
COURSE FAA HAS IN THE SECURITY FIELD, IS DESIGNED TO
TRAIN STUDENTS TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT SECURITY PROCEDURES
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AND METHODS OF PROTECTION FOR THE AVIATION COMMUNITY
FROM ACTS OF AIR PIRACY, SABOTAGE AND OTHER RELATED
CRIMES. FAA HAS ADVISED THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE THIS
FISCAL YEAR FOR TRAINING FOREIGN NATIONALS IN THIS
COURSE. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL REIMBURSE THE FOREIGN
TRAINEES FOR THE FOLLOWING COSTS:

(A) ELEVEN DAYS PER DIEM AT APPROPRIATE STUDENT RATES
(28 DOLLARS PER DAY).

(B) TOURIST CLASS AIR FARE FROM U.S. PORT OF ENTRY TO
OKLAHOMA CITY AND RETURN TO THAT PORT OF ENTRY WITHIN
THE CONTIGUOUS U.S.

A KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH IS REQUIRED; HOWEVER, THE FAA IS
CONSIDERING CONDUCTING A SESSION FOR FRENCH-SPEAKING
TRAINEES. THE EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED AS SOON AS THIS
PROGRAM IS DEVELOPED.

3. FYI: IN ADDITION TO CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY
TRAINING, FAA HAS A PROGRAM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL
SECURITY INFORMATION. THIS ENTAILS "IN-COUNTRY" USE OF
AN FAA TEAM OF AVIATION SECURITY SPECIALISTS. THE TEAM
NORMALLY CONDUCTS AIRPORT AND AIR CARRIER SECURITY
SURVEYS, CONDUCTS TRAINING AS APPROPRIATE AND SUBMITS A
COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT. IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT THIS PROGRAM NOT REPEAT NOT BE OFFERED
UNTIL THE CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY TRAINING AT OKLAHOMA
CITY HAS BEEN COMPLETED. AT THAT TIME, HOST GOVERNMENT
WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DETERMINE IF A TEAM
WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ITS NEEDS. IF IT IS EVENTUALLY
DETERMINED THAT A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM WOULD BE
BENEFICIAL AND IS DESIRED, IT WILL BE NECESSARY THAT
THE EMBASSY ASSIST BY PROVIDING AN INTERPRETER.
ARRANGEMENTS AND DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT AT THAT
TIME. END FYI.
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